

How to Get a Green

COUNTY OF SONOMA
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONDITIONAL PASS

FACILITY NAME _____



FACILITY ADDRESS _____

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Date _____ By _____ Environmental Health Specialist

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Environmental Health & Safety Director

PREVIOUS INSPECTION

Results of previous inspection conducted on: _____ Date _____

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Placard

TOPICS

- Food Safety Objectives
- Placarding Program Goals
- Placarding Program
- Violations and CDC Risk Factors
- Placard Posting
- Resources



EHS FOOD SAFETY OBJECTIVE

Eliminate / reduce the risk factors that contribute to foodborne illnesses



WHY?

- CDC estimates that 48 million (1 in 6) people in the United States experience foodborne illnesses each year.



128,000 hospitalizations
3,000 deaths

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 2011. Food safety.
Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/facts.html#wah1>



PLACARDING PROGRAM GOALS

1. Improve food safety awareness
2. Increase consumer confidence
3. Promote best practices
4. Create highly visible system
5. Provide clear information
6. Align with regional partners
7. Support and promote the local economy and food industry



PLACARDING PROGRAM

Advantages

- Highly visible
- Easy to understand
- Universal recognition
- Does not rely on a score
- Focus on health & safety
- Recognition for good operators



WHO GETS A PLACARD?

Permanent food facilities include:

- Restaurants
- Markets
- Bed & Breakfasts
- Bars
- Bakeries
- Schools

Not included:

- Mobile trucks/carts
- Special events and festivals



PLACARD CRITERIA

- **GREEN:** PASS – No more than one major violation (corrected or mitigated at inspection)
- **YELLOW:** CONDITIONAL PASS – Two or more major violations (corrected or mitigated at inspection)
- **RED:** CLOSURE – One or more major violations not corrected on site



THE GREEN PLACARD

Issued when a facility either has
no major violations

or

Has one major violation that has
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THE YELLOW PLACARD

- Issued when a facility has 2 or more major violations which have been corrected or mitigated at time of inspection
- Violation summary will state the type of major violations observed



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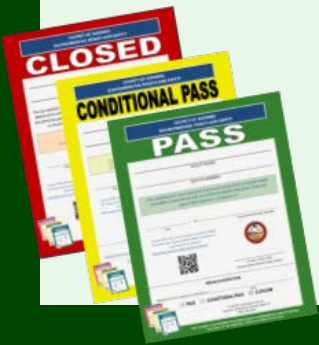
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THE YELLOW PLACARD

- Re-inspection conducted between 24-72 hours to insure compliance
- New placard issued at the re-inspection if all major violations remain corrected

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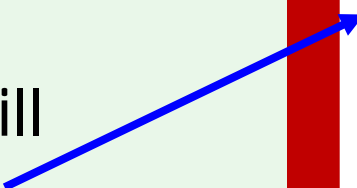
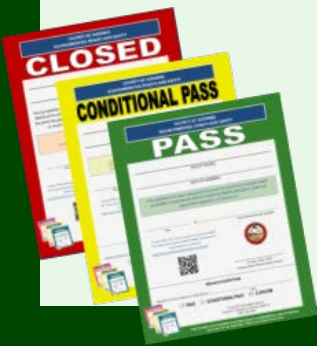
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THE RED PLACARD

- Issued when a facility has one or more major violations which can not be corrected or mitigated at time of inspection
- Violations summary will indicate the type of violation resulting in closure



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IMMEDIATE CLOSURE SITUATIONS



- Sewage Back-up
- Rodent or Insect Infestation
- No Drinkable Water
- No Hot Water

- No Electricity
- Gross Unsanitary Conditions, Filth
- Non-operable Toilets



ALL PLACARDS:

- Shall remain posted until next inspection

The image displays three Sonoma County Environmental Health and Safety placards side-by-side. The leftmost placard is red and labeled 'CLOSED'. The middle placard is yellow and labeled 'CONDITIONAL PASS'. The rightmost placard is green and labeled 'PASS'. Each placard contains a form with fields for 'FACILITY NAME', 'FACILITY ADDRESS', 'Date', and 'By' (Environmental Health Specialist). The 'PASS' placard also includes a section for 'PREVIOUS INSPECTION' with checkboxes for 'PASS', 'CONDITIONAL PASS', and 'CLOSURE'. All placards feature a QR code and a statement: 'A copy of the most recent inspection report is available for review upon request at this location. Inspection reports may also be viewed at <http://www.sonomacounty.ca.gov/ehs>'.

- Inspection history will indicate what was earned on the previous inspection



WHAT IS A VIOLATION?

- A **“major” violation** may directly cause or contribute to foodborne illness.

Example: Employee not washing hands

- A **“minor” violation** may lead to major violations if they remain uncorrected.

Example: Dirty floors



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

FIVE RISK FACTORS

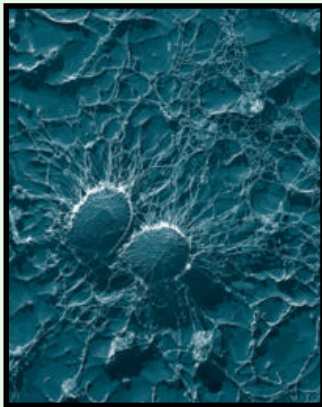
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4. Contaminated Food, Contaminated Equipment
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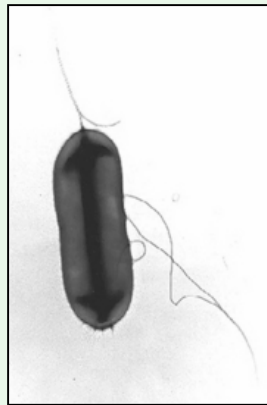


IMPROPER PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Bacteria and viruses are on our bodies and in the environment. They can be spread by food handlers
- Hand washing is the best method for preventing the spread of bacteria and viruses



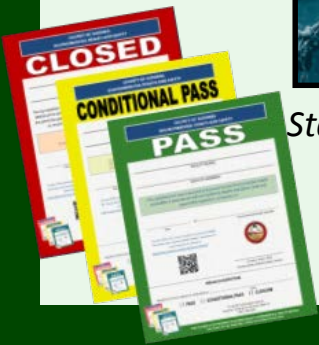
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E. coli 0157



Norwalk Virus

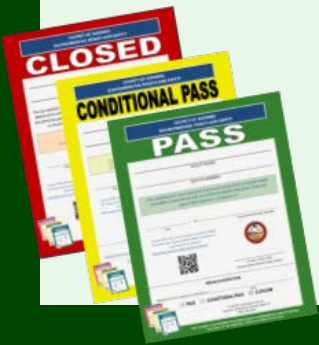


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IMPROPER HOLDING TEMPERATURES

How to keep potentially hazardous food (PHF) safe:

- Keep food cold to prevent bacterial growth $\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Keep food hot to prevent bacterial growth $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Do not leave a PHF at room temperature unless actively preparing the food
- All PHF shall be rapidly cooled
- Frozen PHF must be thawed in a proper manner



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INADEQUATE COOKING

Proper Cooking Temperatures:

135°F	145°F	155°F	165°F
Cooked vegetables	Eggs	Ground beef	Ground poultry
	Food containing eggs	Food containing ground beef	Stuffed fish
	Pork		Stuffed meat
			Stuffed poultry
			Food stuffed with fish, meat or poultry

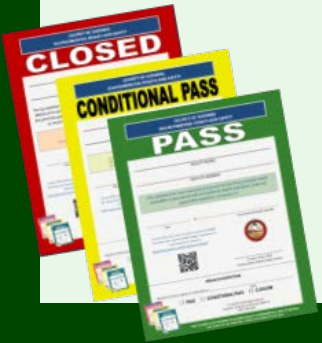


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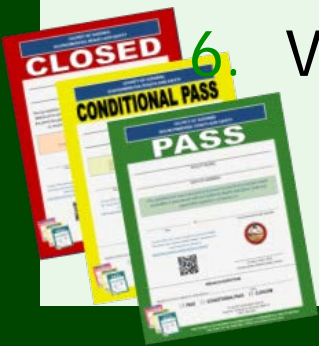
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CONTAMINATED FOOD, CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT

Actions contributing to food contamination:

1. Cross contamination, adulteration and spoilage
2. Improperly sanitized equipment and utensils
3. Improperly maintained wiping cloths
4. Lack of or contaminated water supply and improper wastewater disposal
5. Improper cleaning and maintenance
6. Vermin infestation



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FOOD FROM UNSAFE SOURCES

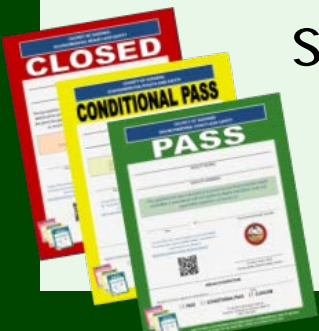


Only food from approved sources shall be served and sold at food facilities



RISK FACTORS RECAP

- Wash hands.
- Do not let sick people work.
- Keep food at the right temperature.
- Cook food thoroughly.
- Protect food from contamination.
- Keep equipment clean and sanitized.
- Provide food only from safe sources, never re-serve unpackaged food.



PROPER PLACARD POSTING



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

- The placard must be posted at the facility
- The primary location is the facility entrance



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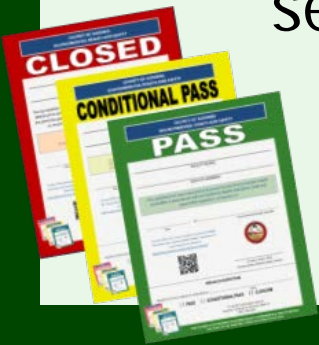
It may be posted in a display case and mounted on the outside wall **within 5 feet** of the main entrance to the facility



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If no windows or display box exist or if the windows are heavily tinted:

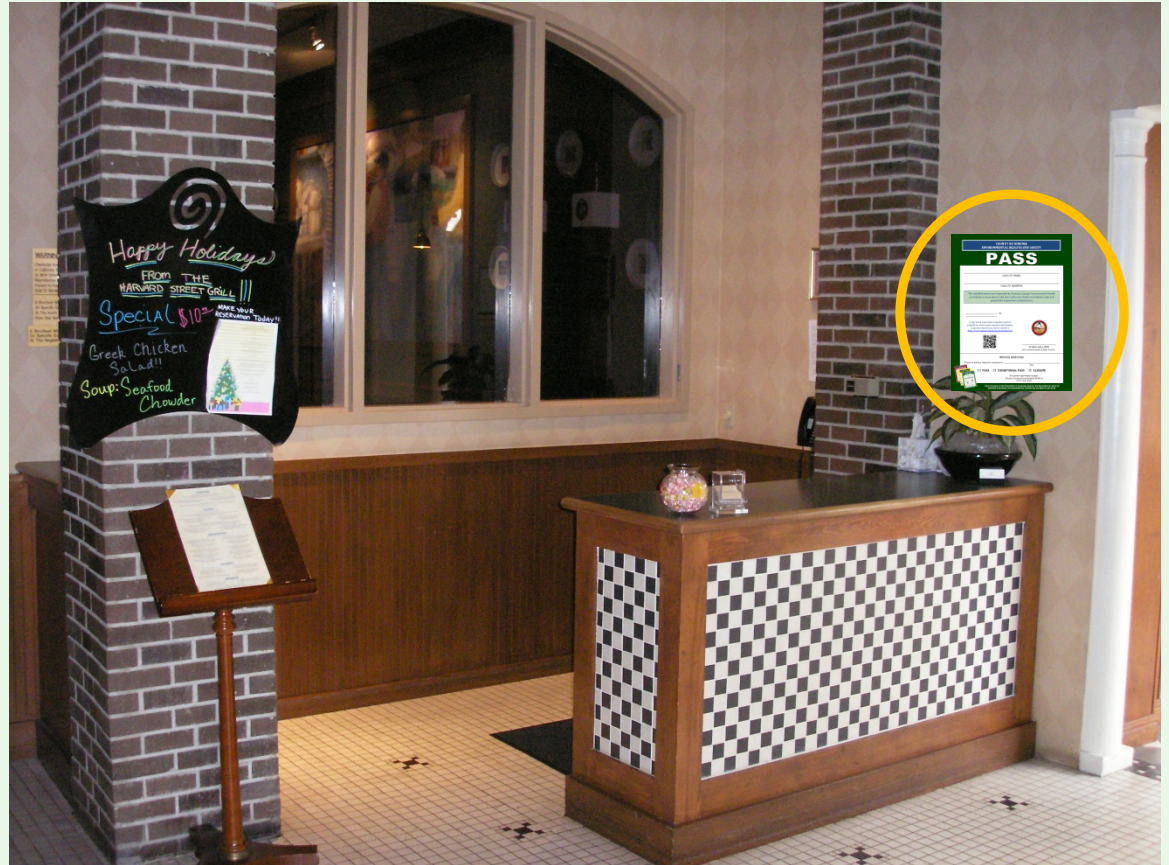
- The placard may be posted inside the facility
 - In a visible location
 - within five feet of the main entrance
- If ordering is done at a service counter/register
 - The placard may be prominently posted at the service counter



EXAMPLE...THE FRONT WINDOWS ARE REALLY DARK:



Post in immediate
entryway



KEEPING THE PLACARD SAFE



- It is the operator's responsibility to keep the placard in the approved location.
- If the placard is missing or altered the operator is responsible to immediately call and request a new placard.
- One replacement placard will be provided each year free of charge. Additional replacements will be provided for a fee.



FAILURE TO PROPERLY POST PLACARD

- The placard is not in the location approved by the Environmental Specialist
- The placard was removed and the operator has not called for a replacement
- The placard has been tampered with and/or defaced, and the operator has not called for a replacement



ENFORCEMENT ACTION

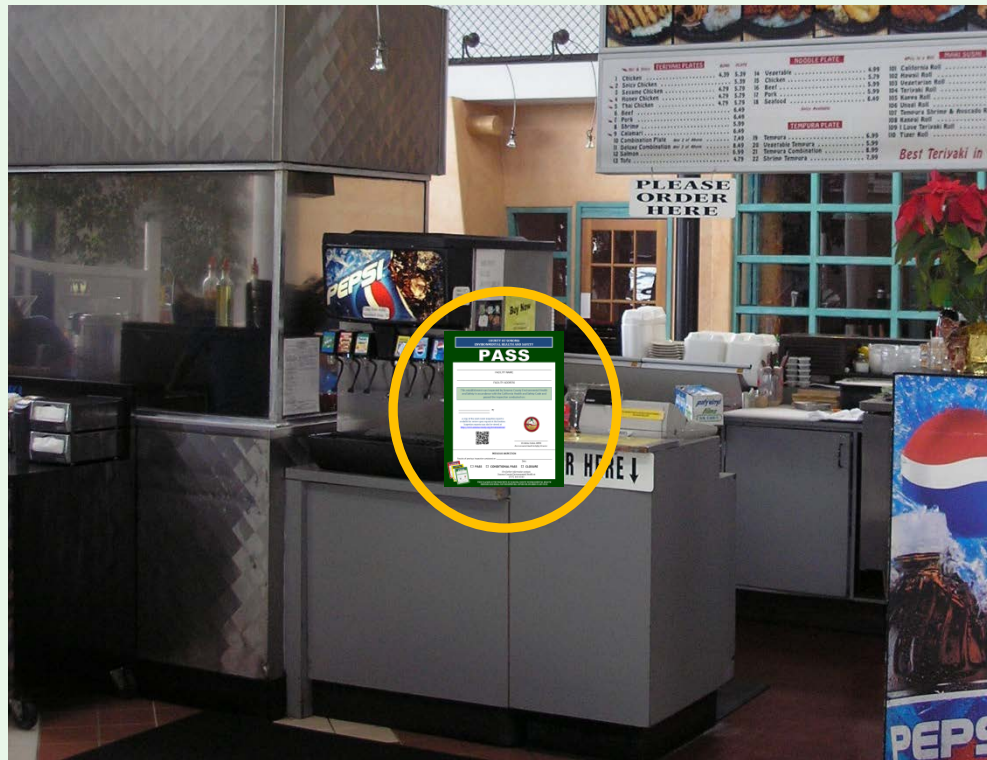
When an Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) documents a failure to properly post a placard:

- Re-inspections may be conducted each day the placard is not posted and a fine and fees will be assessed.



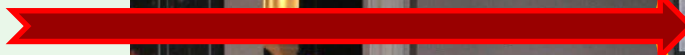
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- I'm at a mall food court?

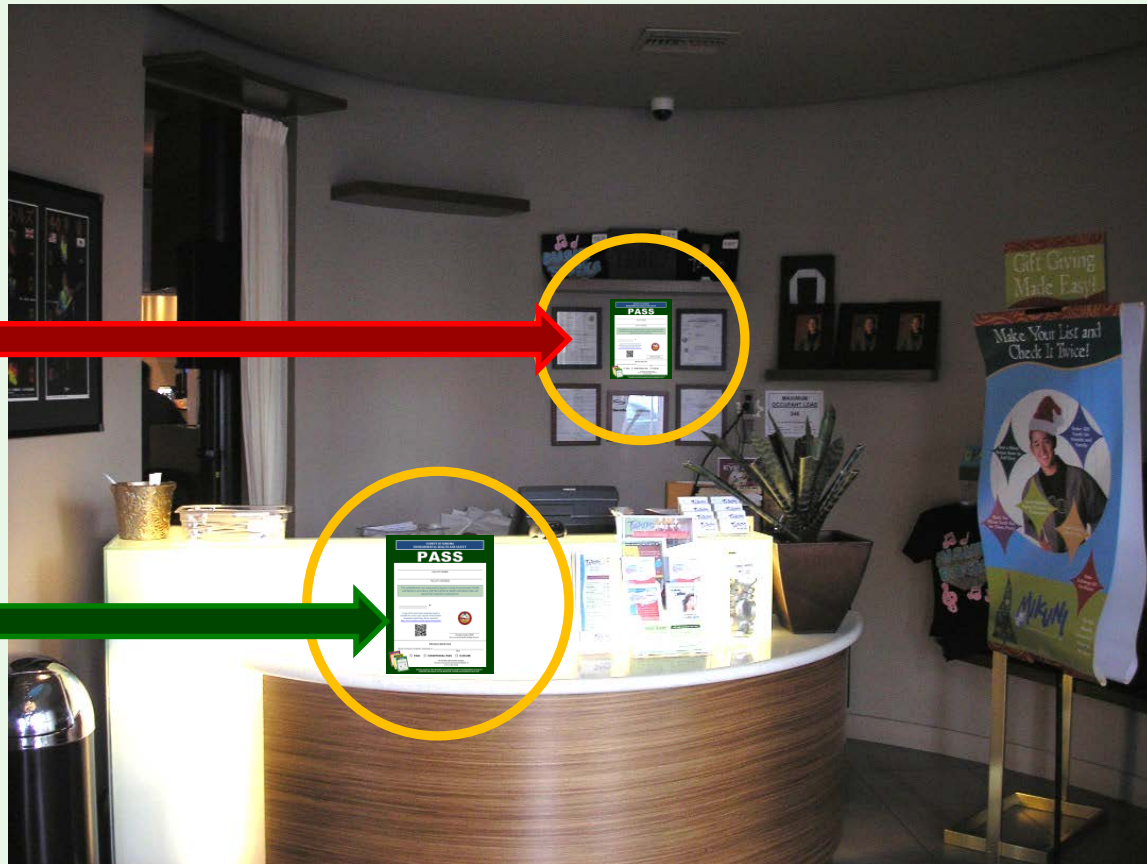


Is This OK?

No



Yes



WHAT IF I OPERATE A GROCERY STORE/SUPERMARKET WITH MULTIPLE SECTIONS?

The store will have multiple permits. The primary permit will be for the following combined areas:

- Retail, produce, dairy, eggs, and meat/poultry/seafood

The placard for this permit shall be posted near the front entry.



GROCERY STORE/SUPERMARKET

Additional sections within the facility will be **permitted individually** and a placard will be issued **per each section**.

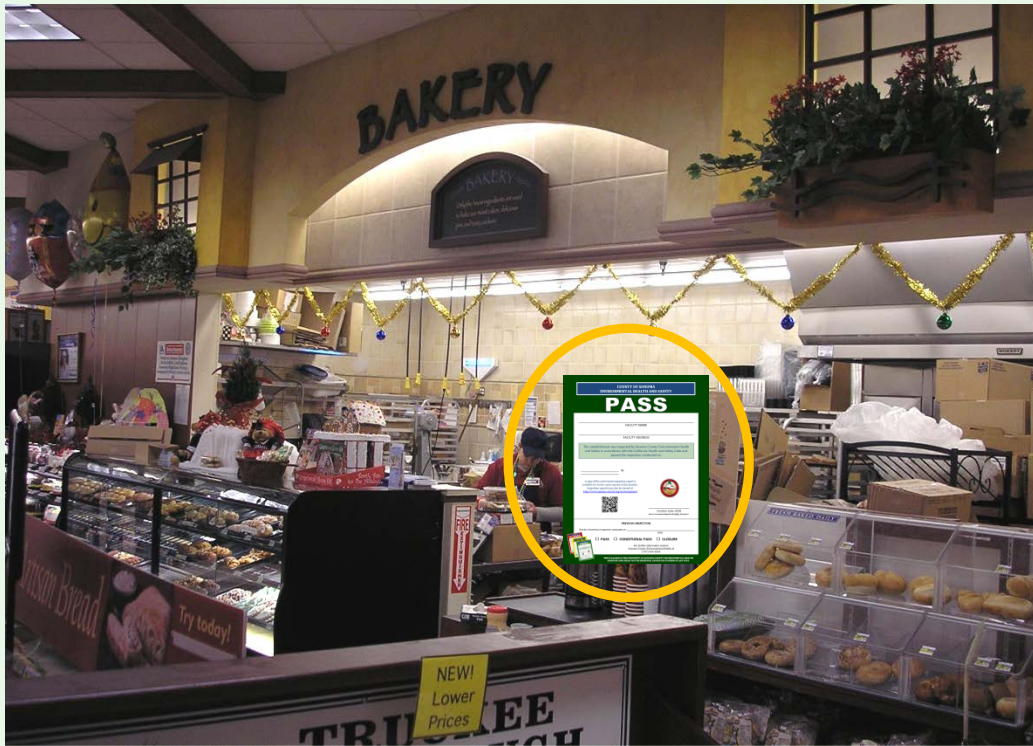
Sections might include:

- Bakery, deli, artisan cheese, coffee, specialty sections. . .



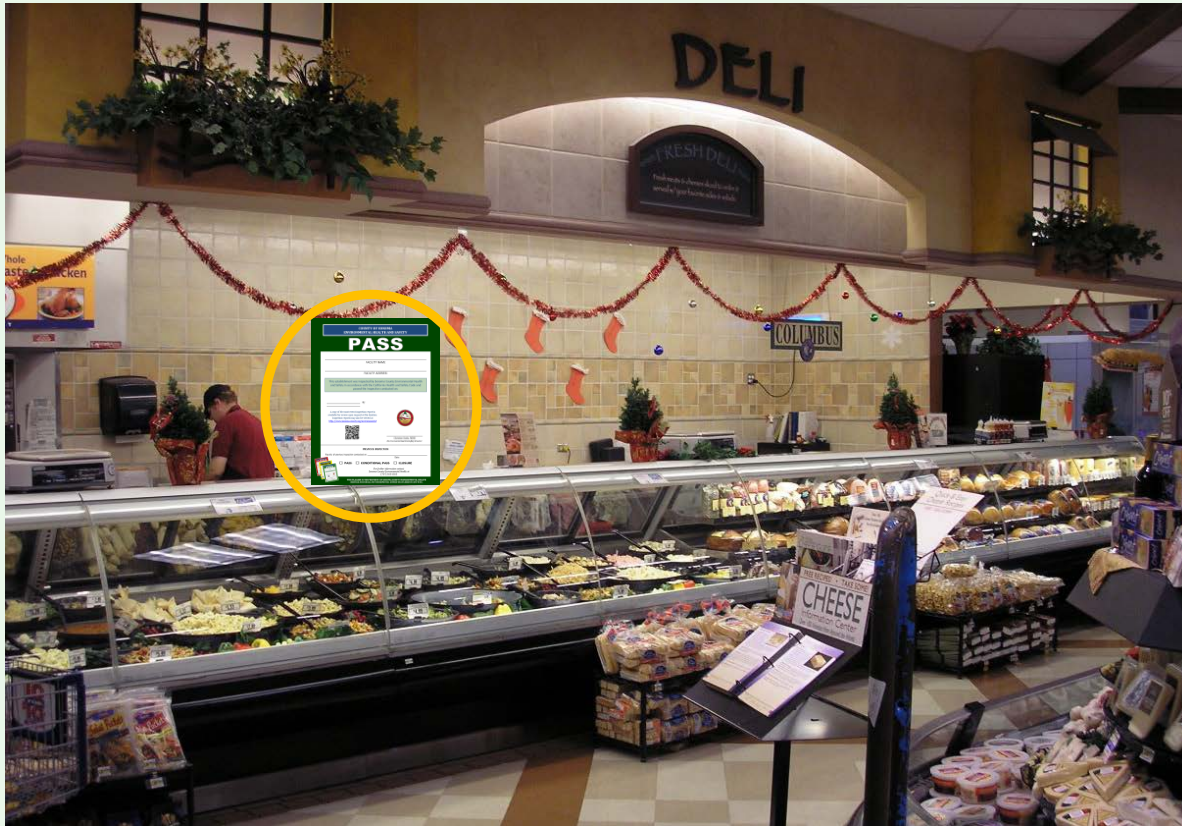
THE BAKERY HAS ITS OWN PERMIT

- Post at the register or service area



THE DELI HAS ITS OWN PERMIT

- Post at the register or service area



RESOURCES

- California Retail Food Code (CalCode)
- Retail Food Inspection Field Guide



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